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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits the enclosed PTO Form PTO/SB/08a. Hard copies of the referenced foreign patents cited herein are being submitted pursuant to requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the International Search Report issued in the prior PCT application PCT/NL0100935 and an English abstract of the following foreign language reference: SU 982637.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

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